

The Newark F.M.I. Information Rm. F 41
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Hon. Leo P. Carlin
Mayor, City of Newark
City Hall
Newark 2, New Jersey

Dear Mayor Carlin:

I followed up your request on Thursday concerning the possible growth of the Muslim Movement in the neighborhood of West Kinney Junior High. It appears that your hunch has some basis in fact. Leo Litsky and several of his teachers who are keeping abreast of this situation report that a small minority of Negro children somewhere in the neighborhood of 1% or 2% are children of Muslim parents. Although they have not as yet caused any open dissension in the school proper, a small clique of 6 or 7 in a playground population of 500 or 600 have made it known that they are Muslim and that they are anti-white. The playground director had not had any trouble dealing with this small situation but he does believe that it requires continuing surveillance.

Leo Litsky himself entertains some unverified feelings that these few children of Muslim parents may be doing some undercover proselytizing of other children. He further thinks that very few of these alleged Muslim youngsters may be among the group who are giving a hard time to the white teachers.

Finally, Dr. Litsky thinks that most of these children are of lower than average intelligence and probably fall into the category of a pre-delinquent child. He promises to remain aware of this situation and will report back to me as soon as any developments take place.

Although I have not checked with Director Weldon to find out his recent experiences with the Muslim movement in Newark, we did have a conversation concerning this problem when it first developed, a year and a half ago. At that time, he had all the police records on the national leadership, i.e., Elijah Muhammad, the national leader and Malcolm X, the East Coast Potentate. At that time, Director Weldon said that he would keep us informed of any change in the situation for the worst. Since he

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has not been in touch with me, I can only assume no particular difficulties.

At the moment, I feel that although we must all remain vigilant concerning this potentially dangerous movement, more harm than good might result from alerting the police to this problem. I hope, Mayor, that you will find the time to read over the enclosed minutes of our March Commission Meeting, as well as to study the prepared information on Census Tract changes in our City.

Cordially yours,

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Daniel S. Anthony